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SUBJECT: BRIEFING MEMORANDUM - KIDNAPPED AMCITS IN
TANZANIA - SITREP NO. 4

REFS: STATE 125354 (TOSEC 020114); B) STATE 124486
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1. OUR CONSUL IN BUKAVU, ON DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS,
SPOKE WITH BISHOP CATARZI OF UVIRA RE POSSIBILITY OF HIS
ACTING AS INTERMEDIARY WITH KIDNAPPERS. WHILE CATARZI
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SYMPATHETIC AND WANTS TO ASSIST, HE IS RELUCTANT TO UNDER-
TAKE ROLE OF INTERMEDIARY HIMSELF. HE SUGGESTED, HOWEVER,
OTHER MEMBERS OF HIS DIOCESE WHO MIGHT BE WILLING TAKE ON
THIS MISSION. OUR CONSUL, ACCOMPANIED BY US CONSUL FROM

ZANZIBAR AND PETER STEINER, REPRESENTATIVE OF PARENTS, WILL MEET WITH CATARZI AGAIN, PROBABLY MORNING OF MAY 31, TO FOLLOW UP THIS SUGGESTION.

2. DUTCH AMBASSADOR VAN DEN BERG IN DAR ES SALAAM SAID THAT PRESIDENT NYERERE, IN RESPONSE TO HIGH-LEVEL DUTCH APPEAL, MAY BE RESPONSIVE TO KIDNAPPERS' DEMAND TO RELEASE MEMBERS OF THEIR GROUP DETAINED IN TANZANIA, BUT TIMING AND PRECISE TERMS OF ANY SUCH RELEASE NOT CLEAR. VAN DEN BERG HAS ASKED THAT FACTS THESE HIGH LEVEL CONTACTS BEING MADE

BE HELD VERY TIGHTLY.

3. WE HAVE REPORT THAT MOTHER OF EMILIE BERGMANN (DUTCH STUDENT DETAINED) CONTACTED VATICAN TO ENLIST ITS AID AND THAT VATICAN IS ATTEMPTING TO REACH ITS CONSTITUENCIES ON ZAIRIAN SIDE OF LAKE.

4. DEPARTMENT HAS INSTRUCTED EMBASSY KINSHASA TO REQUEST DEVLIN TO STRESS TO MOBUTU IN THEIR MAY 31 MEETING (PARA 5, REFTEL A): (A) IMPORTANCE FOR SAFETY OF HOSTAGES THAT GOZ SECURITY FORCES NOT UNDERTAKE OPERATIONS AGAINST KIDNAPPERS, AND (B) NEED FOR GOZ PUBLIC STATEMENT EXPRESSING CONCERN FOR WELFARE OF HOSTAGES. IN ADDITION, IN VIEW OF URGENCY OF MAKING CONTACT WITH KIDNAPPERS, DEVLIN MAY BE ASKED TO SEEK QUICK GOZ AGREEMENT TO SENDING IN INTERMEDIARY.

5. THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF STANFORD UNIVERSITY WILL BE MEETING WITH DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS ON JUNE 2 TO DISCUSS THE KIDNAPPING. INGERSOLL

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